

**News Focus**



**Lollapalooza**  
Tom Trowbridge, lead singer of the Birmingham-based U.K. band Editors, performs at Lollapalooza 2006 Friday.

**Teens arrested in theft of VA laptop**  
WASHINGTON (AP) — Two teenagers were arrested Saturday in the theft of a laptop and hard drive containing sensitive data on up to 26.5 million veterans and military personnel, authorities said.  
The equipment was stolen May 3 during a burglary at the Maryland home of a Veterans Affairs employee. The laptop and hard drive were turned into the FBI June 28 by an unidentified person in response to a \$50,000 reward offer.

The equipment contained the names, Social Security numbers and birth dates of veterans discharged since 1975, in what was the worst-ever breach of government data.  
Jesus Alex Pineda, 19, and Christian Brian Montano, 19, both of Rockville, Md., were arrested early Saturday, Montgomery County police said.  
Pineda was charged with first-degree burglary and theft over \$500. Montano was charged with first-degree burglary, conspiracy to commit first-degree burglary, theft over \$500, and conspiracy to commit theft over \$500.  
Police said charges were pending against a third male suspect who is a juvenile.

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Noble County Sheriff's Department Deputy Doug Ewell escorts Dale L. Trowbridge to a waiting police car following a drug raid Friday afternoon at the 140-acre home of Jim A. Edsall in the 4600 block of C.R. 400E. Trowbridge faces a Class A felony methamphetamine-related charge. Pictured in the background is Noble County Prosecuting Attorney Steve Clouse.

# France agrees to peace proposal

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The U.S. and France agreed Saturday on a draft Security Council resolution that seeks an immediate halt to fighting in Lebanon, breaking a three-week impasse caused partly by Washington's refusal to press Israel to end its offensive against Hezbollah.  
Despite the agreement, fighting raged on. Israeli naval commandos struck the southern port of Tyre before dawn, while Israeli air raids killed at least eight people across Lebanon and a rain of Hezbollah rockets on northern Israel killed three civilians.  
The resolution would chart a path toward a lasting peace with a cease-fire monitored by international troops. If passed, it would be the most significant international response to the crisis and raise hopes of ending combat that has killed at least 600 and left Lebanon in tatters.  
The resolution must now go before the full 15-nation Security Council and gain Israeli and Lebanese acceptance — and initial comments indicated that would not be easy.  
Hezbollah warned it won't abide by the resolution unless Israel withdraws from Lebanon entirely, while one Israeli official called the draft an "important development" but vowed to press on with the offensive for now.  
The text also ignored three Lebanese demands: setting a timetable for an Israeli withdrawal from the south, lifting Israel's full blockade of Lebanon and putting the disputed Chebaa Farms area under U.N. control.

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# Blackman wins Miss Limberlost

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KENDALLVILLE — After performing an emotionally captivating rendition of the song "Your Daddy's Son" from the Broadway musical "Ragtime," Kristen Lynn Blackman was crowned Miss Limberlost 2006 Saturday night in Cole Auditorium.  
Blackman, 20, the daughter of Dave and Carol Blackman of rural Albion, will represent Noble and LaGrange counties in the Miss Indiana Pageant in June next year.  
"I'm shocked," she said after taking her walk before the audience as the new Miss Limberlost. "It took a while, but I finally did. I'm very excited."  
The 2004 East Noble graduate

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# Infiltration

## Undercover operative breaks up alleged meth operation

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KENDALLVILLE — It's not every day that the Indiana Multi Agency Group Enforcement (I.M.A.G.E.) drug task force gets one of its members all the way inside a drug operation.  
That's exactly what happened on May 8 when an I.M.A.G.E. agent infiltrated an alleged methamphetamine operation west of Kendallville. The operation ended Friday afternoon when approximately 36 specially trained police officers from

DeKalb, LaGrange, Noble and Steuben counties converged on a farm in the 4600 block of C.R. 400E.  
The special operations teams arrested four individuals on felony drug warrants at the scene, and two more arrests were made subsequently.  
Arrested at the home in the 4600 block of C.R. 400E west of Kendallville were:  
• Jim A. Edsall, 43, the home owner, on five Class A felony counts of delivery of methamphetamine and four Class A

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## Sports Complex A Reality



Sue Abbs, widow of long-time Kendallville Youth Baseball Association board member Scott Abbs, throws

the first ball Saturday to officially open the Kendallville Outdoor Recreation Complex.

# Play Ball! Field of Dreams is ready

BY DENNIS NARTKER  
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KENDALLVILLE — Kendallville's Field of Dreams officially opened Saturday.  
Sue Abbs, widow of the late Scott Abbs, a long-time Kendallville Youth Baseball Association board member, threw the first ball to officially open the 80-acre Kendallville Outdoor Recreation Complex on Allen Chapel Road on the city's east side.  
"We dreamed about this for many years," Kendallville Park Board member Dr. Tom Jansen told the crowd assembled around one of the complex's new baseball diamonds. Jansen led the effort to raise the \$2 million to complete the complex's first phase.  
"This complex is for playing ball, having fun and family togetherness,"

Jansen said, his voice breaking with emotion. "It's a place for parents and coaches to instill fair play and the virtues that lead to good citizens."  
The complex has four irrigated baseball/softball fields arranged in a wheel formation, three soccer fields with turf grass, a full-size basketball court, light towers, concession stand, bleachers, restrooms, electronic scoreboards, maintenance building, parking lots and city water and sewer service.  
The idea for a sports complex started about 11 years ago, according to Jansen.  
In 1995 a anonymous donor gave \$100,000 to the Noble County Community Foundation for the Memorial Youth Athletic League Fund. The foundation director contacted Jansen and the idea of a sports complex was discussed.  
"That \$100,000 donation was the

spark," said Jansen.  
In 1996 the sports complex held its first organizational meeting with youth sports coaches and association officials. The park department conducted a needs survey.  
The site was identified and Jansen led the successful fundraising leading to the purchase of the 80 acres for \$218,000.  
In September 2000 the campaign began to privately raise the \$2 million for the complex's first phase, and ground was broken in 2002.  
Goodwin, Jansen and Kendallville Mayor Suzanne Handshoe thanked the park department staff, park board members, donors and contractors for their efforts in the project.  
"See that field over there with the geese?" Jansen told the crowd, pointing to an area east of the baseball/softball fields. "That's phase two. We'll be calling."



Miss Limberlost 2006 Kristen Blackman, center, poses with first runner-up and Miss Congeniality Danielle Beiswanger, left, and second runner-up Alexandra Maxwell.

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# Study calls area lakes overcrowded

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LAKE JAMES — Local lakes are over their carrying capacity for boats, a study conducted by the Steuben County and LaGrange County lakes councils says.  
That data was presented Saturday during the Steuben County Lakes Council's annual meeting at Lake James Christian Assembly.  
Allen LeFevre, president of the Lake Gage Lime Lake Association, presented a summary of the study and said much more work needs to be done in order to provide direction for dealing with lake overcrowding.  
"We probably have a lot more questions than we do answers at this point," LeFevre said.  
Carrying capacity was defined by New

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